

## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

December 21, 2007

Michael F. Childers, Treasurer Democratic Party of Wisconsin Federal Account 222 W. Washington Avenue, Suite 150 Madison, WI 53703

Response Due Date: January 23, 2008

Identification Number: C00019331

Reference:

September Monthly Report (8/1/07-8/31/07)

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action. Additional information is needed for the following 3 items:

Schedule A of your report (see attached) discloses one or more contributions from organizations, which are not political committees registered with the Commission. In order for your committee to accept contributions from unregistered organizations into accounts used to influence federal elections, your committee should take steps to insure that the contributors used permissible funds to make the contributions to avoid violating 2 U.S.C. §§441a(f) and 441b or 11 CFR §102.5(b). Under 11 CFR §102.5(b), organizations which are not political committees under the Act and choose to contribute to federal committees must either: 1) establish a separate account which contains only those funds permitted under the Act, or 2) demonstrate through a reasonable accounting method that the organization has received sufficient funds subject to the limitations and prohibitions in order to make the contribution.

If any apparently prohibited contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information. In addition, please clarify whether the contributions received from the referenced organizations are permissible.

To the extent that your committee has received prohibited funds, you may have to make a refund. If within 30 days of receipt you (1) transferred the

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prohibited amount to an account not used to influence federal elections, and (2) provided written notice to the person making the contribution of the option of receiving a refund, you may retain the contribution in an account not used to influence federal elections. Any request from a donor for a refund must be honored.

If the foregoing conditions for transfers to a non-federal account were not met within 30 days of receipt, the prohibited amount must be refunded. See 11 CFR §103.3(b)(1).

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for any transfer-out or refund. Should you choose to transfer-out or refund the contribution(s), the Commission will presume the funds were impermissible if no statement from your committee provides information to the contrary. Transfers-out and refunds should be disclosed on a Schedule B supporting Line 22 or 28 of the report covering the period during which the transaction was made.

Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the acceptance of prohibited contributions, prompt action by your committee in transferring-out or refunding the amounts will be taken into consideration.

- 2. The outstanding balance of a debt owed to a creditor at the close of one report should be exactly the same as the beginning outstanding balance of the next report. The August Monthly Report (7/1/07-7/31/07) shows an ending balance to "Data Farm Consulting" of \$1,173.32, while this report shows a beginning balance of \$3,395.96. Please amend your report to clarify this discrepancy.
- 3. Your report discloses outstanding balances beginning this period for debts owed to "5Nines Data Services," "Data Farm Consulting," and "Stratasoft, Inc." However, outstanding balances at the close of the period were not disclosed on your August Monthly Report (7/1/07-7/31/07). Please amend your report(s) to clarify this discrepancy.

Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses must be received by the Commission on or before the due date noted above to be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action. Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.

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Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1148.

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Sincerely,

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Receipt from Unregistered Organizations

Contributor Name	Date	Amount
Friends Of Dan Schooff	8/9/07	\$1,000
Jon Erpenbach Senate Committee	8/16/07	\$1,000
Friends of Julie Lassa	8/23/07	\$1,000

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